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## Y2K IMPACT ON RUSSIA

*Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem:* Committee concluded hearings on the potential impacts and future consequences of the Year 2000 computer problem on the Russian economy and political environment, after receiving testimony from

Senator Lugar; John R. Beyrle, Deputy to the Special Adviser to the Secretary of State for the New Independent States; Edward Warner, III, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy and Threat Reduction; Kenneth Baker, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy for the Office of Non-proliferation and National Security; and William K. McHenry, Georgetown University McDonough School of Business, and Richard A. Conn, Jr., Latham and Watkins, on behalf of the U.S. Russia Business Council, both of Washington, D.C.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 9 public bills, H.R. 2959–2967; 1 private bill, H.R. 2968; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 69 and H. Res. 306–311, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 782, to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 through 2003, amended (H. Rept. 106–343);

H.R. 2923, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend expiring provisions, to fully allow the nonrefundable personal credits against regular tax liability, amended (H. Rept. 106–344);

H. Res. 307, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2606, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–345); and

H. Res. 308, providing for consideration of H.R. 2559, to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers by providing greater access to more affordable risk management tools and improved protection from production and income loss, to improve the efficiency and integrity of the Federal crop insurance program (H. Rept. 106–346).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Cooksey to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:07 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Violence in East Timor:** H. Res. 292, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives

regarding the referendum in East Timor, calling on the Government of Indonesia to assist in the termination of the current civil unrest and violence in East Timor, and supporting a United Nations Security Council-endorsed multinational force for East Timor (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 390 yeas to 38 nays with one voting “present”, Roll No. 454);

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**Expressing Sympathy for the Victims of the Earthquake in Taiwan:** H. Res. 297, amended, expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck Taiwan on September 21, 1999. Agreed to amend the title (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 424 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 455); and

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**Budget Surplus and the Public Debt:** H. Res. 306, expressing the desire of the House of Representatives to not spend any of the budget surplus created by social security receipts and to continue to retire the debt held by the public (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 417 yeas to 2 nays with 6 voting “present”, Roll No. 456).

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**Continuing Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2000:** The House passed H.J. Res. 68, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000 by a yeas and nays vote of 421 yeas to 2 nays with one voting “present”, Roll No. 453.

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H. Res. 305, the rule that provided for consideration of the joint resolution was agreed to by voice vote.

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**Health Research and Quality Act:** The House passed H.R. 2506, to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research by a yeas and nays vote of 417 yeas to 7 nays, No. 457.

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Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

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Agreed to:

The Bilirakis en bloc amendment that makes technical and conforming changes; Pages H8917–18

The Andrews amendment, as modified, that links the Health Care Policy and Research Agency web site to consumer satisfaction agencies that perform evaluations on health care quality; Page H8918

The Davis of Illinois amendment that requires that shortages in researchers who are members of priority populations are addressed when allocating training funds; Pages H8918–19

The Jackson-Lee of Texas en bloc amendment that establishes an Office on Special Populations and includes inner-city areas as a priority population;

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The Davis of Illinois amendment that requires an annual report on disparities in health care delivery as it relates to racial factors and socioeconomic factors in priority populations; Page H8921

The Davis of Illinois amendment that includes minority institutions of higher education as eligible entities for grants and contracts; Pages H8921–22

The Thompson of California amendment that promotes evidence-based clinical practices for the examination and treatment of individuals who are victims of sexual assault (including child molestation) or attempted sexual assault and training for health professionals on performing medical evidentiary examinations; Page H8922

The Pascrell amendment that requires research on health services regarding cancer and cardiovascular diseases in women; Pages H8923–24

The Tierney amendment that requires research on methods to reduce the costs to consumers of obtaining prescription drugs; Pages H8924–26

The Tierney amendment, as modified, that requires studies to determine the cost and quality effects of various methods of increasing the access to health services in the United States; Pages H8926–29

The Stearns amendment that directs the Director to develop recommendations on automatic external defibrillators in Federal buildings including placement, training, maintenance, medical oversight, and coordination with emergency medical services;

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The Johnson of Connecticut amendment that establishes a graduate medical education grant program for children's hospitals; Pages H8932–37

The McGovern amendment that requires a study to determine whether and to what extent there is a shortage of licensed pharmacists; Pages H8937–39

The Thompson of California amendment that requires a report on telemedicine services which in-

cludes factors that inhibit the expansion and accessibility of telemedicine networks; and Pages H8939–40

The Traficant amendment that adds Buy American provisions to the bill. Page H8940

The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of the bill to correct section numbers, punctuation, cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. Page H8941

Agreed to H. Res. 299, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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**Presidential Veto Message—District of Columbia Appropriations:** Read a message from the President wherein he announced his veto of H.R. 2587, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000; and explained his reasons therefor—ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–135). Pages H8941–42

Agreed to the Istook motion to refer the veto message and the accompanying bill to the Committee on Appropriations. Page H8942

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H8942.

**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H8968.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8907–08, H8908, H8909, H8909–10, and H8941. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### SECURITIES TRANSACTION FEES

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Securities Transaction Fees, focusing on the following bills: H.R. 2441, Fairness in Securities Transaction Fees; and H.R. 1256, Savings and Investment Relief Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lazio and Menendez; and James M. McConnell, Executive Director, SEC.

### PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Prescription Drugs: What We Know and Don't Know About Seniors'